

and oligarchies and despotisms are usually established by the agency of a deluded multitude. . . . This union, of oligarchical wealth and mob poverty is the very essence of the ' Spirit of Whiggism.'

Meanwhile Disraeli had found a haven of rest in the Carlton.

To Lady Slessington.

Wednesday [Feb.,

1836]. MY DEAREST LADY,

Early in March there are to be fifty members elected into the Carlton by the members at large. A strong party of my friends, Lord L., Lord Chandos, Stuart de Rothesay, etc., are very active in my behalf, and I think among the leaders of our party my claims would be recognised; but doubtless there is a sufficient alloy of dunces even among the Conservatives, and I have no doubt there will be a stout opposition to me. Although I will not canvass myself, I wish my friends to do so *most earnestly*. I know from personal experience that one word from you would have more effect upon me than letters from all the lords in Xdom. I wish therefore to enlist you on my side, and will take the liberty of sending you a list to-morrow.

Votre Dis.¹

To iSaraJi Disraeli.

*[March,
1836.]*

I carried the Carlton; the opposition was not inconsiderable in the committee, but my friends were firm — 400 candidates, and all in their own opinion with equal claims.

THE CARLTON,

April 18.

The Opera is very good this year, and Carlotta Grisi the great dancer. There is a report in *Times* of the Lewes banquet. About my pledging myself to come forward is a mendacious flourish, but does not matter. The Carlton is a great

¹ Morrison collection.